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ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL McGRAW RECOVERS DRY CLEANED CLOTHING FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONSUMERS

On February 4, 2004, Attorney General Darrell McGraw sued Masters Tuxedo Charleston, Inc., d/b/a Masters Cleaners, a dry cleaning and tuxedo rental establishment, for closing its doors in October of last year and failing to return clothing to the rightful owners. After the lawsuit was filed, Master's owner, Robert Kraft, filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Attorney General McGraw filed a claim in bankruptcy court seeking the return of the consumers' clothing. The bankruptcy court ordered Masters Tuxedo to give all the clothing to the Attorney General's office to be distributed to consumers.

"Some of the clothing is very expensive, and we will make every effort to return it to the owners," said Attorney General McGraw. Of the clothing returned, 54 items are tagged for identification and 25 items have no identifying tags.

The clothing is being held at the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, and Attorney General McGraw urges all consumers who did not receive their dry cleaning prior to the store closing to contact our office at 1-800-368-8808.

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